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## **\$3 MILLION AWARDED TO PROTECT LOW-INCOME CHILDREN FROM DANGEROUS LEAD HAZARDS**

**SACRAMENTO-** The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) today announced that hundreds of low-income children and families in a seven county target area will be able to live in healthier homes because of a \$3 million grant awarded to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to remove potentially dangerous lead from homes.

“Lead Poisoning causes intelligence quotient deficiencies, learning disabilities, impaired hearing, lower attention span, hyperactivity and behavior problems,” said CSD Director Timothy Dayonot. “The Lead Hazard Control Program will improve the lives of hundreds of low-income families by reducing their exposure to lead poisoning through the safe removal of lead from their homes.”

CSD will partner with the following five organizations from its network of experienced service providers to serve a seven county target area: Maravilla Foundation (Los Angeles County); Economic & Social Opportunities, Inc. (Santa Clara County); Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino (San Bernardino County); Community Resource Project, Inc. (Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba Counties); and Redwood Community Action Agency (Humboldt County).

The target area selection was based on these facts: 37 percent of children with elevated blood levels reside in the target area, 45 percent of California's pre-1978 housing units are located in the target area, and 26.9 percent of the area's population is under 80 percent of the area's median income.

CSD's Lead Hazard Control Program is designed to work in conjunction with the state's federally funded Weatherization programs and with local health agencies and affordable housing programs.

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